

**Conservation Commission Meeting
February 4, 2009
First Floor Meeting Room, Amherst Town Hall**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Kaplan, Acting Chair at 7:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Gerber (C), Kaplan (VC), Angus, Hamin, Scott, Stein

STAFF: Ziomek

OTHERS: Carol Gray, Rob Kusner

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION

FY10 CPAC Funding Recommendations

Dave Ziomek gave a brief presentation regarding land projects from December 2004 to present that are either completed or in process – approximately 265 acres. He then presented his recommendations for CPAC funding.

VOTED unanimously (6-0), to support the FY10 CPAC funding recommendations as proposed by David Ziomek as follows: Appraisals and Surveys – \$25,000; Priority Parcel 1: Johnson (South East Street) - \$90,000; Priority Parcel 2: Olendzki (Station Road) - \$150,000.

South East Street

Carol Gray presented on behalf of the South Amherst Conservation Association and requested that the Commission consider seeking \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Committee to acquire the property on South East Street owned by Scott Nielsen.

VOTED unanimously (6-0), to support the efforts of the South Amherst Conservation Association, furthermore we note that in the past the Commission has voted to consider this site a priority for CPAC funding and therefore the Commission is open to considering the use of CPAC funding for this parcel in the future if the project as defined per using CPAC money becomes feasible in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Member

Jim Scott introduced himself as a new member of the Conservation Commission. He was appointed by the Select Board to complete Liv Baker's term effective January 26, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

MACC Conference

Announced at the Con Com meetings – check with Stephanie to organize who will be going.

Farmer's Forum

Agricultural Commission is in the process of planning one for March (24?) at the Hitchcock Center. Invitations will be sent out.

Joint Meeting with Agricultural Commission

Libby is still trying to find a date. Given the large number of participants, it will be impossible to find a time that everyone can attend, so will have to be a time when most can attend.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 8:51 p.m.